

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This claim set is to replace all prior versions.

1. (Original) An automated process for making a gastro-retentive device, said process comprising:

(A) providing a strip of pouch assemblies, wherein substantially each of said pouch assemblies comprises an ingredient section sealed within a membrane;

(B) separating a pouch assembly from said strip;

(C) folding said membrane to form a folded pouch assembly;

(D) providing first and second capsule sections;

(E) inserting said folded pouch assembly into said first capsule section to form a pouch/first capsule section assembly; and

(F) combining said pouch/first capsule section assembly with said second capsule section to fully encapsulate said pouch assembly.

2. (Original) An automated process for making a gastro-retentive device in accordance with claim 1 wherein said pouch assembly has at least one flap formed by said membrane extending from said ingredient section of said pouch assembly, and step (C) further comprises the step of wrapping said flap around said ingredient section.

3. (Original) An automated process for making a gastro-retentive device in accordance with claim 2 wherein step (C) comprises the following steps for wrapping said flap:

(i) placing said pouch assembly on a tooling block having a surface and a pocket formed therein which is sized for receiving said pouch assembly, said pouch assembly being positioned over said pocket with said flap extending away from said ingredient section; and

(ii) pushing said ingredient section of said pouch assembly into said pocket so as to fold said flap relative to said ingredient section.

4. (Previously Presented) An automated process for making a gastro-retentive device in accordance with claim 2 wherein step (E) comprises pushing said folded

pouch assembly through a passageway connected to said pocket into said first capsule section.

5. (Previously Presented) An automated process for making a gastro-retentive device in accordance with claim 2 wherein step (F) comprises pushing said pouch/first capsule section through said passageway into said second capsule section.

6. (Previously Presented) An automated process for making a gastro-retentive device in accordance with claim 2 wherein at least two said steps (A) through (F) are carried out at different locations, said pouch assembly being advanced to each of said locations by a moveable surface.

7. (Original) An automated process for making a gastro-retentive device in accordance with claim 6 wherein said moveable surface comprises a table that indexes in a rotational manner to move said pouch assembly to each of said locations.

8. - 27. (Cancelled.)